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FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA

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February 5, 1953

The Index of Prices Received by Farmers declined two points, a little less than one percent, during the month ended January 15, 1953, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

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World sugar production in 1952-53 is expected to total about 36.7 million tons, raw value, down four percent from the record of 1951-52, but well above the prewar average, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports.

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Honey production in 1952 totaled 272,771,000 pounds, six percent more than in 1951 and twenty three percent above the 1946-50 average, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports.

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According to the Department of Agriculture, output of farm tractors last year dropped one-fourth from 1951 because of strikes in steel and implement industries. Production of other farm equipment also fell about that much below 1951.

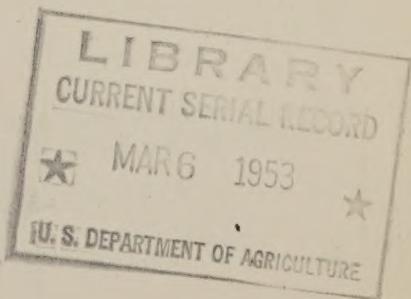
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The assistance to farmers provided under the 1953 Agricultural Conservation Program is being directed to the most needed conservation on the individual farm.

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Current grass and legume seed supplies with few exceptions are ample for meeting 1953 grassland goals and for grass improvement practices planned under the 1953 Agricultural Conservation Program. Supplies range from normal to record highs for most seeds with only Sudangrass and lespedeza seed in limited supply, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports.

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The government's program to bolster turkey prices has ended with purchases of a total of $48\frac{1}{2}$ million pounds of frozen ready-to-cook turkey. Altogether, the U. S. Department of Agriculture bought about 6 percent of the record 1952 crop of 59 million birds.

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World food supplies are at record high levels in the current (1952-53) season, according to a report of the world food situation released by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Production exceeds all past records for several of the major commodities, including wheat, rice, meats and citrus fruits.

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Farmers growing flaxseed are asked to hold down on their production this year. Flaxseed stocks on hand January 1, the Department of Agriculture reports, totaled 27 million bushels, with almost 10 million bushels stored on farms.

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Nearly \$44 million in national forest receipts were deposited in the U. S. Treasury by the Forest Service during the last six months of 1952. This represents an increase of nearly \$2 million over funds taken in for the same period a year ago, and establishes a new record.

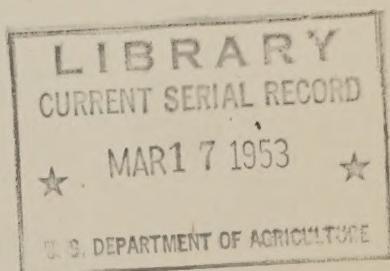
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Of the 5,379,250 farms listed by the Census Bureau in 1950, 3,091,473 were operated by full owners, 840,924 by part-owners, 1,102,527 by tenants and 344,326 by sharecroppers.

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Soybean stocks throughout the country on January 1 totaled 224 million bushels — slightly more than a year earlier and second largest of record, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

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Milk production on farms in 1952 totaled 115.1 billion pounds, slightly more than in 1951 but about $1\frac{1}{2}$ billion pounds below the average for the 1941-50 decade, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports.

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Livestock and poultry on farms and ranches showed a net increase of one percent during 1952. This was the fourth successive annual increase, but the aggregate for January 1, 1953, was 12 percent below the peak of 1944, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports.

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Supplies of insecticides, fungicides, and herbicides are expected to be large enough to meet all expected needs this year. The U. S. Department of Agriculture says basic raw materials to produce pesticides are generally plentiful, and production facilities have been expanded.

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More than 170,000,000 bushels of 1952-crop corn was put under price support through January 15, 1953, the U. S. Department of Agriculture announces. Through the full month of January, 1952, the total for 1951-crop corn was only 17,000,000 bushels.

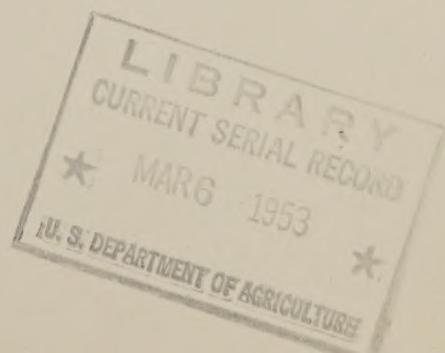
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Since the beginning of the Agricultural Conservation Program in 1936 the seeding of grass and legumes has been encouraged as a conservation measure. About 60 million acres of pasture have been seeded or reseeded to adapted grass and legumes during that time.

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U. S. exports of grain and grain products totaled about 245 million bushels during the period July-December 1952. This compares with similar exports of 305 million bushels for the same period a year earlier, the Production and Marketing Administration reports.

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The Commodity Credit Corporation will purchase moderate quantities of new corn so that necessary marketing of CCC-Owned off-grade corn will have only a minimum effect on grain markets.

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The closing date for signing an application for Federal Crop Insurance on 1953 crops in North Dakota is March 31, 1953.

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A report of the United States Department of Agriculture indicates that world food supplies are at record high levels in the 1952-53 season.

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Forest Service figures for 1950 show that in each of 26 states, income from timber products totaled more than 100 million dollars.

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More North Dakota farmers will be protected by Federal Crop Insurance on their 1953 crops than in any previous year according to J. E. Kasper, State PMA Chairman.

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